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Canceled
the solution into a bath which contains a water-miscible organic solvent and a cross-linker,
wherein the solvent dissolving the polysaccharide is water.

C2
11. (Three Times Amended) A method of producing polysaccharide fibres
according to claim 1, wherein the polysaccharide is comprised of carboxymethyl cellulose,
starch, [cellulose xanthane,] gelan, [chitin, chitosan, guar gum] pectin or alginate.

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, in light of the remarks which follow, is respectfully
requested.

By the above amendments, Claim 18 has been canceled and the subject matter
thereof has been added to Claim 1. Claim 1 has also been amended for readability
purposes. Claim 11 has been amended to delete cellulose xanthane, chitin, chitosan and
guar gum from the list of polysaccharides, and to add pectin to the list of polysaccharides.
Support for this amendment can be found in the specification at least at page 13, line 15.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the solvent dissolving the polysaccharide is
water. Applicants submit that one of ordinary skill in the art would recognize that the
solvent can literally include material in addition to water such as, for example, impurities
and/or additives. As such, the solvent dissolving the polysaccharide as recited in Claim 1
is not intended to be limited to 100% water.

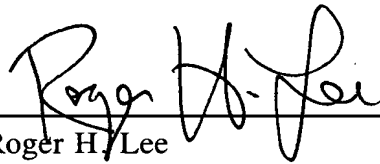
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From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions relating to this paper, or the application in general, he is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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